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This supplemental response is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 25, 2002 and in response to a phone call from the Examiner on May 2, 2002 in which the Examiner requested the selection of additional species. Specifically, the Examiner requested the election of one species per set from each of the following sets of species:

Species M: the polymeric material is a retention sleeve

Species N: the polymeric material is a sheath or catheter tube

Species S: the annular beam is substantially circular

Species T: the annular beam is not substantially circular

Species X: the entire annular beam is directed onto the polymeric material

Species Y: a portion of the beam is blocked

Applicant provisionally elects species N, S and X. Claims 1, 14-24, 27-30 read on species N. As to claims 17-23, Applicant assumes that the election extends to the choice of polymeric body. Claims 1-15, 17-22, and 24-30 read on species S. As to claim 30, Applicant notes that a portion of the annular beam may be blocked with the beam still being substantially

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circular. Claims 1-29 read on species X. Finally, it is noted, as to the choice between species M and N, Applicant was not given the opportunity to elect claims directed to the case where the polymeric material is a balloon.

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